



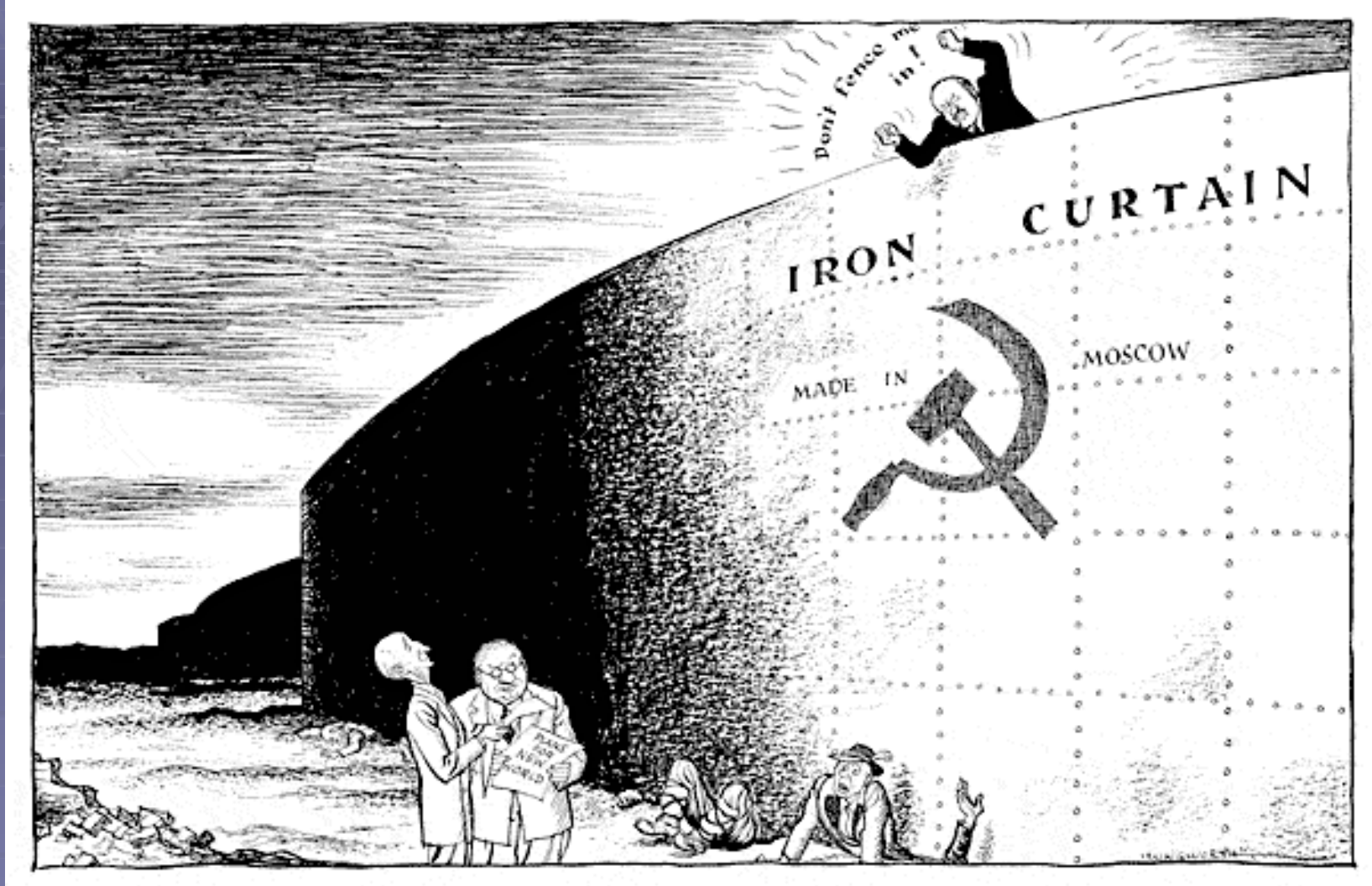
Cold War 1945-1950s

Roots of Cold War

Postwar Conferences 1945

- Stalin pledged to allow democratic elections in Eastern Europe (but did not keep promises)
- Truman demanded free elections in Eastern Europe but Stalin refused
- Stalin wanted a "buffer zone" between Germany and USSR for protection against future war





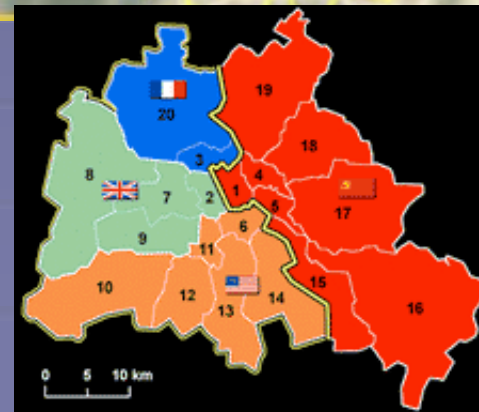
Churchill - 1946 "Iron Curtain" speech

Partition of Germany

- Germany -- and the city of Berlin -- divided into four zones
- Soviets occupied their zone - did not want revitalized Germany that could pose threat
- What challenges might it pose for a divided Berlin to be inside Soviet zone?



<http://www.opb.org/education/coldwar/berlincrisis/maps/dividedgermany.jpg>



Divided Berlin

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Containment

- By 1947, Truman pledged to prevent further spread of communism - policy called “containment”



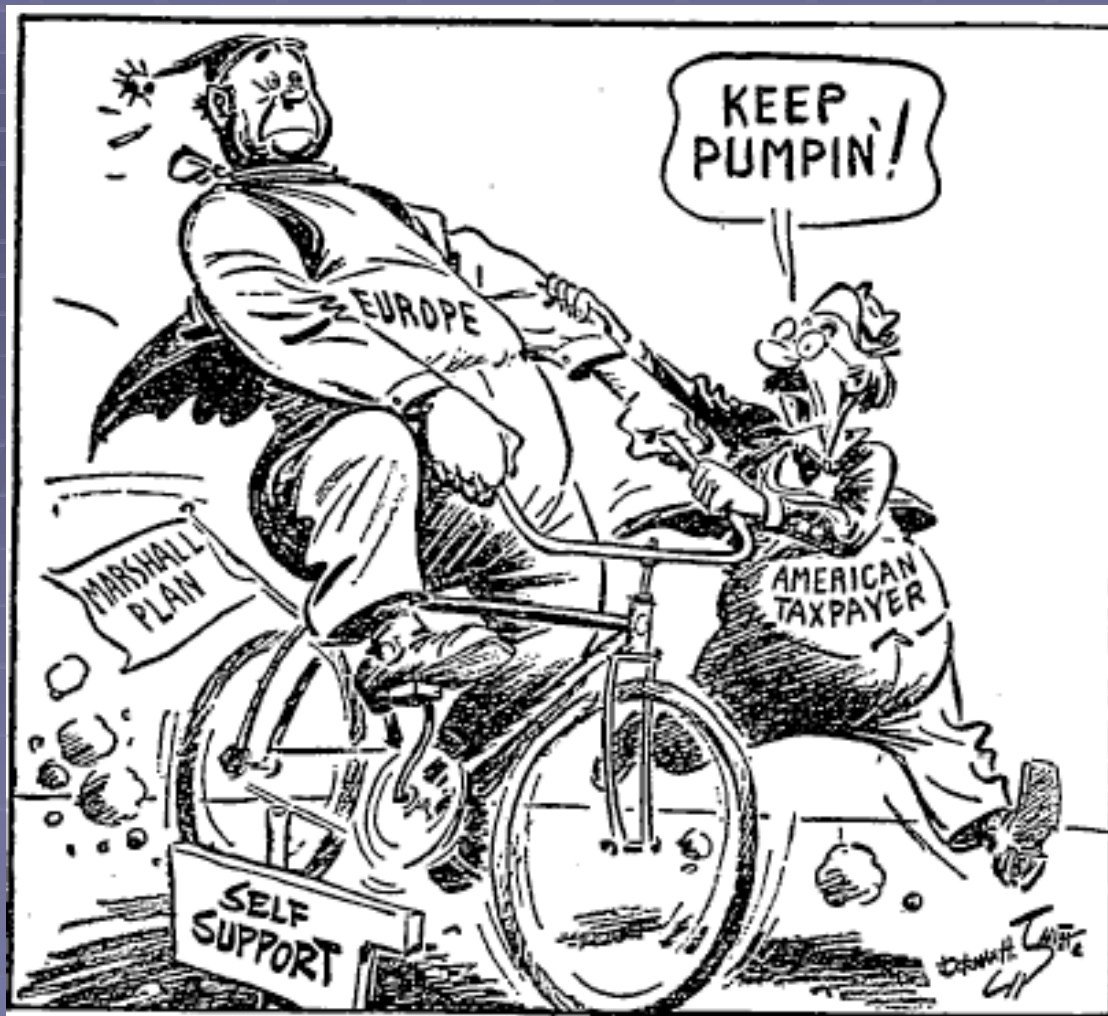
President Harry Truman

Marshall Plan

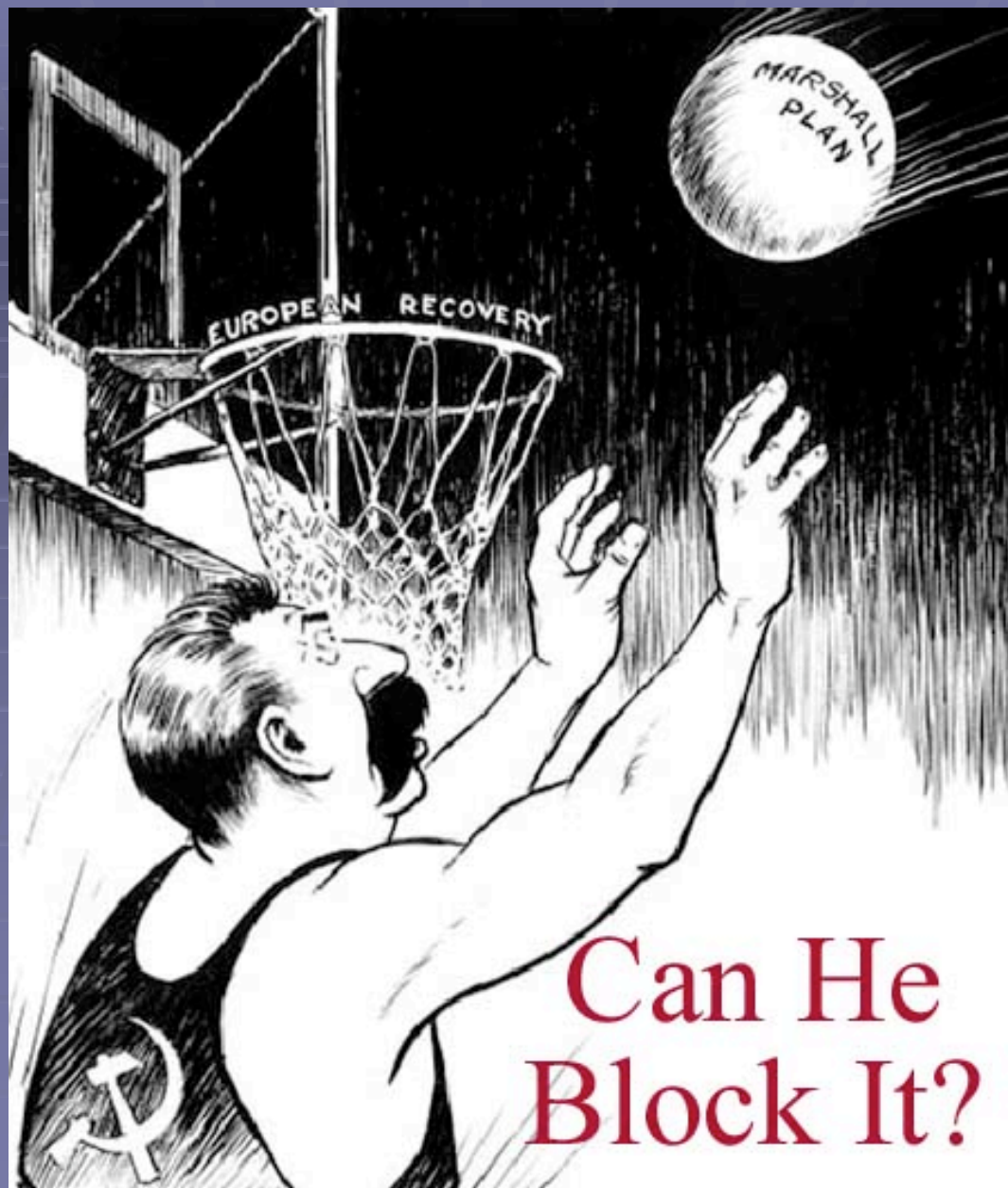
- 1947: Massive aid package to help war-torn Europe recover from the war
- Prevent communism from spreading into economically devastated regions
- Result: Western and Central Europe recovered economically
- Soviets refused to allow U.S. aid to countries in eastern Europe



<http://www.historicaldocuments.com/MarshallPlanPhoto.jpg>



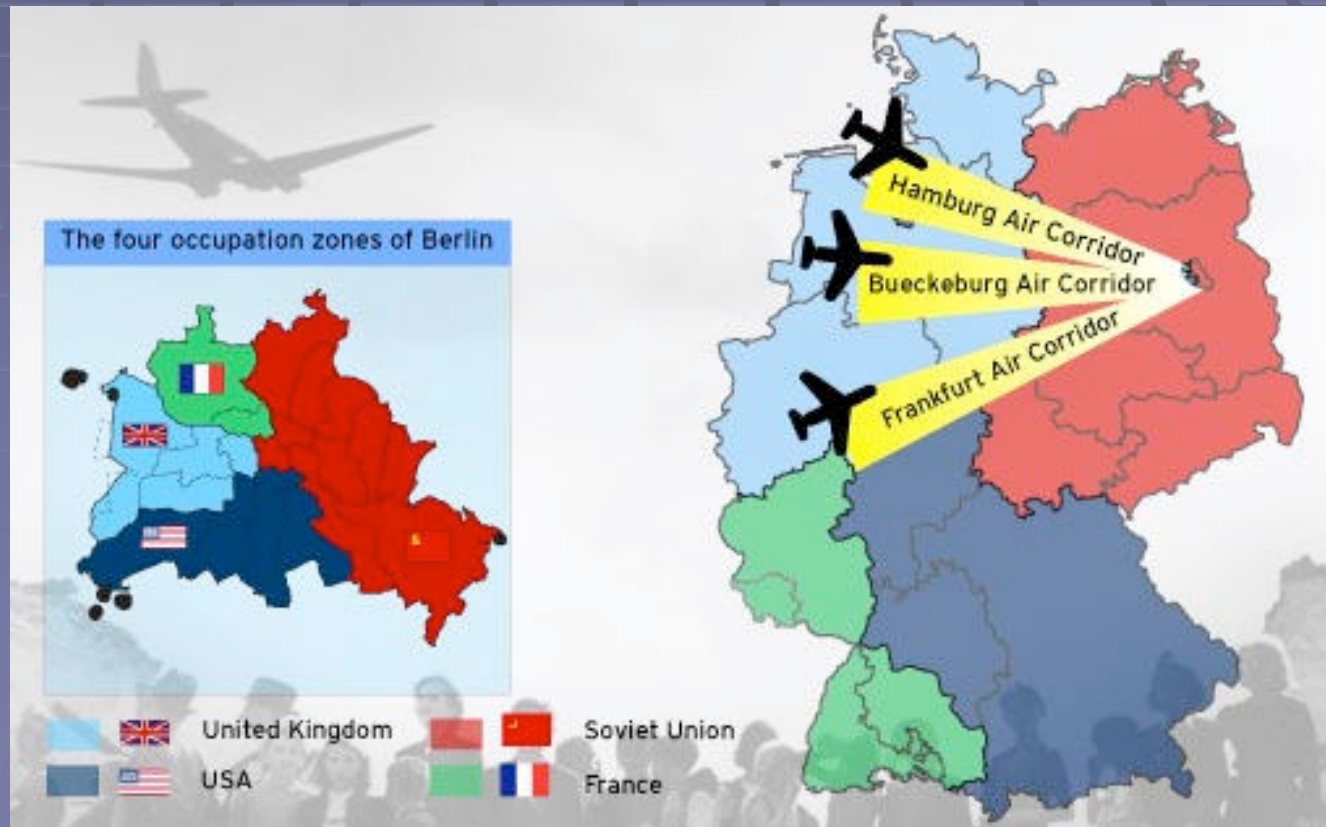
Dorman Smith in The Phoenix Gazette, NEA
"He's finally getting the hang of it."



Can He
Block It?

Berlin Blockade

- 1948, US, France and Britain united their zones to become West Germany
- Stalin cut off all rail/road links to West Berlin - Berlin Blockade.
- West viewed as attempt to starve Berlin into surrender & supported West Berlin by air.
- Berlin Blockade lasted 318 days - 275,000 planes transported 1.5 million tons of supplies. A plane landed every three minutes at Berlin's airport.
- Stalin abandoned the blockade in May 1949.



Korean War 1950-1953

- After WWII, Korea divided at 38th parallel: North was communist, South was not
- **Cause:** 1950, North Korea (supported by Soviet resources) invaded South Korea.
- UN (led by US Gen. Douglas MacArthur) sent forces to push back communists
- China sent thousands of troops to push back UN forces
- **Result:** cease-fire and border at 38th parallel restored; still in existence today

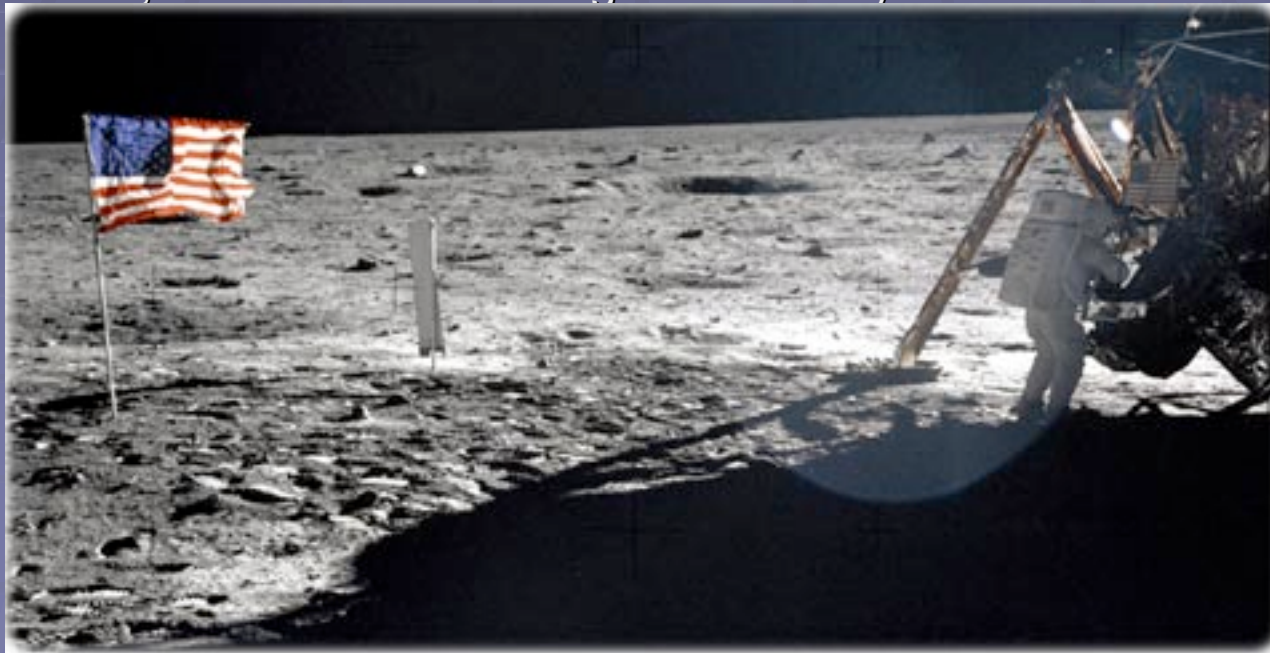


<http://www.awm.gov.au/korea/maps/images/establishing.gif>

Space Race and Arms Race

Cold War competition to achieve technological superiority

- 1957, USSR launched ***Sputnik***, an orbiting satellite using long-range rockets
- US fearful Soviets could now launch a nuclear missile into space and then down to U.S.
- U.S. countered with creation of NASA 1969, **Apollo Program** put first man on the moon; 4 more moon landings followed by 1972.



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<http://worldhistory.pppst.com/coldwar.html>.